

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2214

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, as introduced, Fox. Emergency room physicians: continuing medical education: geriatric care.

Existing law requires the Division of Licensing of the Medical Board of California to establish continuing education requirements for physicians and surgeons.

This bill, the Dolores H. Fox Act, would require the division, in determining continuing education requirements, to include a course in geriatric care for emergency room physicians.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 Dolores H. Fox Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 2191. (a) In determining its continuing education requirements,
- 6 the Division of Licensing shall consider including a course in
- 7 human sexuality as defined in Section 2090 and nutrition to be

1 taken by those licensees whose practices may require knowledge
2 in those areas.

3 (b) The division shall consider including a course in child abuse
4 detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
5 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
6 abused or neglected children.

7 (c) The division shall consider including a course in acupuncture
8 to be taken by those licensees whose practices may require
9 knowledge in the area of acupuncture and whose education has
10 not included instruction in acupuncture.

11 (d) The division shall encourage every physician and surgeon
12 to take nutrition as part of his or her continuing education,
13 particularly a physician and surgeon involved in primary care.

14 (e) The division shall consider including a course in elder abuse
15 detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
16 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
17 abused or neglected persons 65 years of age and older.

18 (f) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
19 division shall consider including a course in the early detection
20 and treatment of substance abusing pregnant women to be taken
21 by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that there is a
22 likelihood of contact with these women.

23 (g) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
24 division shall consider including a course in the special care needs
25 of drug addicted infants to be taken by those licensees whose
26 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
27 these infants.

28 (h) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
29 division shall consider including a course providing training and
30 guidelines on how to routinely screen for signs exhibited by abused
31 women, particularly for physicians and surgeons in emergency,
32 surgical, primary care, pediatric, prenatal, and mental health
33 settings. In the event the division establishes a requirement for
34 continuing education coursework in spousal or partner abuse
35 detection or treatment, that requirement shall be met by each
36 licensee within no more than four years from the date the
37 requirement is imposed.

38 (i) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
39 division shall consider including a course in the special care needs

1 of individuals and their families facing end-of-life issues, including,
2 but not limited to, all of the following:

- 3 (1) Pain and symptom management.
- 4 (2) The psycho-social dynamics of death.
- 5 (3) Dying and bereavement.
- 6 (4) Hospice care.

7 (j) In determining its continuation education requirements, the
8 division shall give its highest priority to considering a course on
9 pain management.

10 (k) *In determining its continuing education requirements, the*
11 *division shall include a course in geriatric care for emergency*
12 *room physicians.*